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SUBJECT: XCSS: FUTURE WORK IN INTERRELATED ISSUES CONCERNING
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSION SHOWED AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING AND INTEGRATING APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, BUT IT ALSO SHOWED XCSS REMAINS UNCERTAIN HOW TO TACKLE PROBLEM AND HOPES SEC GEN AND DAC WILL POINT UP INTER-DISCIPLINARY ISSUES THAT XCSS WILL FIND MANAGEABLE AND SUITABLE FOR FUTURE XCSS DISCUSSION. SECRETARY CASEY'S INTERVENTION WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN INFLUENCING FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN JOLLES AND SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT SECRETARIAT NOTE CE(73) 15 COVERING ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF SUBJECTS (NON-RECIPROCITY, STUDY OF TRADE ACTION IN A SPECIFIC SECTOR, BASIC COMMODITY PROBLEMS, STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT POLICIES, INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MONETARY COOPERATION AND TRADE AND AID POLICIES), NOT MEANT TO BE COMPLETE LIST OF ALL ITEMS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT THEY WERE NOT ADVOCATING ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION, BUT MERELY TRYING TO DETERMINE THE WISHES OF THE CXSS AS TO ROLE OF OECD AND ITS RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES AND SECRETARIAT.

3. MOST DELEGATIONS WELCOMED INITIATIVE TAKEN IN PREPARATION OF NOTE BY SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO HAVE OECD TAKE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND INTEGRATED APPROACH TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR THE DAC IN THIS REGARD. INITIAL INTERVENTIONS WERE BY TURKEY, SMALLER SOUTHERN EUROPEAN AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, ALL OF WHOM STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DOING MORE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THUS THE NEED TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT IN BROADER TERMS THAN OFFICIAL AID. TURKEY HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN-ITARIAN AID AND ADVOCATED IN EFFECT A STRATEGY FOR OECD DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES. AUSTRIA NOTED MAGNITUDE OF OIL RECEIPTS OF SOME LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO INSURE THAT THESE REVENUES USED FOR USEFUL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. NORWAY MADE PITCH FOR SDR LINK. MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES BELIEVED OECD NEEDED TO DO MORE THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST TO ADDRESS THESE INTERRELATED PROBLEMS. EC COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTED ITS SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND ITS INTEREST IN INTEGRATED APPROACH, POINTING OUT THAT THERE ARE BIG DIFFERENCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SOME WITH VERY HIGH PER CAPITA GNP (ESPECIALLY OIL PRODUCERS), AND THUS ADVOCATED

DIFFERENT TREATMENT FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

4. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY NOTED THAT US DELEGATION WELCOMED SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE AND SAID THAT US GOVERNMENT WAS APPROACHING DEVELOPMENT AS ONE OF FOUR LEGS ON WHICH IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM MUST BE BUILT, ALONG WITH TRADE, MONETARY MATTERS AND INVESTMENT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT OECD SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE WORK BEING DONE ELSEWHERE, ESPECIALLY IN GATT AND IMF ON TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS AND THUS RECOMMENDED THAT OECD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN NON-RECIPROCITY OR LINK ISSUES AT THIS TIME. HE EMPHASIZED THE US POSITION AGAINST THE LINK AS SET FORTH BY SECRETARY SHULTZ IN NAIROBI. HE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD COME UP WITH MORE SPECIFIC THOUGHTS ON HOW TRADE (INCLUDING BASIC COMMODITIES), INVESTMENT, AND MONETARY COOPERATION AND AID POLICIES COULD BE MORE CLOSELY INTEGRATED FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER STUDY BY XCSS.

5. THE UK FOLLOWED BY JAPAN, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, AND FRANCE FOLLOWED MR. CASEY AND SUPPORTED STRESS ON NON-DUPLICATION. FRANCE SAID IT DISAGREED ON SUBSTANCE OF LINK WITH U.S., BUT NOT ON FORUM FOR DISCUSSING SUBJECT. UK THOUGHT THAT CXSS SHOULD STAY ON ALERT BUT NOT PUT ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECT ON AGENDA AT THIS TIME. JAPAN SUPPORTED OVERALL BROAD VIEW ON THE MATTER. GERMANY AND UK THOUGHT IT A BIT EARLY FOR CXSS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TOO MUCH EFFORT ON THE BROADER APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. GERMANY ENCOURAGED OECD NOT TO RESTRAIN ITS COMMITTEES FROM PURSUING THEIR SUBJECTS AND THOUGHT THAT THE COMMODITY PROBLEM MIGHT DESERVE MORE IMMEDIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ATTENTION THAN SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES. FRANCE AGAIN USED THE FORUM TO NOTE ITS INTEREST ALSO IN THE COMMODITY FIELD.

6. CHAIRMAN JOLLES CALLED UPON DAC CHAIRMAN MARTIN WHO NOTED THAT HE COULD COMMENT ONLY FROM THE NARROWER VANTAGE POINT OF DAC. HE OBSERVED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL'S PAPER INCORPORATED IDEAS SURFACED AT RECENT DAC HIGH LEVEL MEETING AND NOTED THAT DAC WOULD MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES ON THIS SUBJECT IN 1974, INITIAL MEETING BEING MIDDLE OF JANUARY. HE STRESSED THAT TIMING UNCERTAIN BUT HOPED DAC MIGHT DEFINE CASES WHERE INTERACTION OF SUBJECTS COULD BE USEFULLY PURSUED BY SECRETARY GENERAL AND COUNCIL. HE WELCOMED ATTENTION IN COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS TO AREAS WHERE VIEWS OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DID NOT COINCIDE AND WISHED TO STRESS AGAIN THAT RESOURCES OF NUMBER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE CHANGED OR WILL BE CHANGING TO POINT WHERE THEIR NEEDS WILL BE LESS.

7. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED BY SUMMARIZING CONSENSUS THAT THIS MEETING GAVE WELCOME POLITICAL IMPULSE FOR FURTHER WORK ON THE INTERRELATED ITEMS ON DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THAT CXSS

SHOULD RESIST TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER OECD COMMITTEES AND THAT OECD, IN TURN, SHOULD SIMILARLY RESIST TAKING ON TASKS BETTER ADDRESSED IN OTHER FORA SUCH AS GATT AND THE IMF. HE OBSERVED IT WAS GENERAL VIEW THAT CXSS SHOULD BE LEFT TO PROBLEM, AWAIT DOCUMENTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL BASED ON FURTHER WORK BY THE OECD'S COMMITTEES, ESPECIALLY THE DAC. SECRETARY GENERAL WELCOMED "IMPULSE" TO ORGANIZATION FROM XCSS AND PROMISED FOLLOWUP. NO DELEGATION OBJECTED TO CONCLUSIONS OF CHAIRMAN.CASEY

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